

STOMP provides lively performance, adds humor to show



Haley Rose
staff writer

Empty seats were few and far between in McCain Auditorium on Tuesday night as a packed house welcomed the cast of STOMP, a music group that employs the use of everyday objects in their shows. The group, originating in the United Kingdom, has morphed and changed since its beginning in 1991 and is now comprised of members that have been with the group ranging from six months to 17 years. STOMP has various members who form troupes around the globe and have performed in places such as the Lincoln Memorial, Hong Kong and the Academy Awards, and are now in Manhattan. The group is here as part of their North American tour, having just come from Midland, Texas, before arriving in Manhattan and from here they will travel to Quebec, Canada.

From lighters to sinks to paint cans, the performance on Tuesday was as much a comedy show as it was a percussion concert with the crew members, or “stomper,” often throwing in bits of off-the-cuff antics in reaction to the audience, though no words were used. “It was a lot funnier than I thought it was going to be,” said Daniel Collins, junior in health and nutrition.

Communicating with no words is a must for the STOMP crew, as a key element of their performances is the concept of transcending language barriers to connect with everyone who attends their shows.

Students were not the only attendees entertained by the night’s performance. Audience members of all ages contributed to the frequent chorus of laughter that filled the auditorium.

“Oh, they loved it,” said Heather Spiller, Manhattan resident, referencing her children, who nearly

Ensemble members of STOMP line up and use their feet and broom handles to generate music on a back alley set in front of a full McCain Auditorium Tuesday night.

Beginning with simple wooden brooms and the performers' bodies, the stompers progressed to more elaborate pieces including "Suspension" which was a piece where members were in a harness in mid-air in front of an array of resonant objects, such as top signs and fire extinguishers, and proceeded to rhythmically beat the objects.

The performance played out as

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Student impacts global communities

Senior DeeAnn Turpin involved in projects in Guatemala, India, says secret to success is simplicity

Elizabeth Hughes
staff writer

Not many students can say they've improved conditions in three different countries throughout the course of their undergraduate careers. Few students can say they have organized and executed their own sustainability project on campus and even fewer students know the feeling of saving a community.

DeeAnn Turpin, senior in biological systems engineering, can include all of the above in her resume after graduating from K-State.

Turpin, a Kansas native from Leavenworth, has always been fascinated with how things operate. She said from the very beginning she has aspired to be an inventor, but agreed on engineering as a more realistic major.

"Out of all the branches I chose biological systems because it incorporates both aspects," Turpin said. "Engineering is the foundation for building and implementing different designs, and I like the biology because it's like the basis and blueprint for all things."

Upon coming to K-State, Turpin was determined to foster her passion for inventing. When she researched the various organizations available at the university, she became enthralled by Engineers Without Borders.

"I thought, 'I love to travel; more importantly



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DeeAnn Turpin, senior in biological systems engineering, looks through a microscope on the ground floor of Seaton Hall in one of the biological engineering labs.

love helping people with something I'm passionate about," so I knew I had to get into this organization," she said.

Boasting 12,000 members, Engineers Without Borders is a non-profit organization committed to humanitarian efforts around the world. Today, these volunteers are working on 350 projects in more than 45 developing countries, striving to create more sustainable communities.

In the second semester of her freshman year, Turpin took on the responsibility of project manager for her first trip to India with Engineers Without Borders. She explained that she earned the leadership role through a great deal of focus and commitment to the organi-

“At first I didn’t know anything about electricity or solar energy, so going to the meetings is how I learned,” Turpin said. “K-State teamed up with Iowa State and Dehradun Institute in India near the village where we worked. We had students from each university work on the three projects, but I was the only one from K-State working on the rainwater harvesting.”

As part of the rainwater project, Turpin assessed the community’s needs and environment and was able to devise a sustainable, electricity-free rainwater harvesting system. Turpin said that two-week trip sparked her desire to be involved with Engineers Without Borders for life.

Turpin's next two trips abroad were also water-based projects. Her trip in 2010 to Panajachel, Guatemala, included much more than distributing and installing filters for some of the most contaminated water in the world. Due to the polluted water, much of the community had contracted parasitic worms, so they teamed up with Doctors Without Borders to make sure the people were treated.

"During a standard check-up, I was in charge of taking their height and weight," Turpin said. "The one thing I noticed is that all of them, full-grown men and full-grown women, were all

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Advanced credit courses save students time, money

Darrington Clark
staff writer

Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate credit courses are accelerated courses offered by high schools across the nation to allow students to begin obtaining early college credit. K-State accepts both AP and IB credit from high school, and making use of those programs can lead to saving money and time.

AP courses are designed and sponsored by College Board, which is the same company that sponsors and runs the ACT. IB is a program designed to supply high school students with more challenging classes that count toward college education.

An AP or IB course is a high school class with materials that cover college-level education. At the end of the class, a standardized test is administered to all students who took the course. All students around the country receive the same test and are graded through the same rubric. AP and IB information can be sent directly to and from college campuses of choice.

"We accept credit from AP and IB courses," said Janie Sackrider, tran-

script manager for the K-State office of admissions. "The credit can be used to substitute for regular classes."

In AP courses, the final test is graded on a scale of one to five. Scores of three, four and five are eligible to receive some sort of college credit. In the IB program, tests are graded from one to seven, and scores of five, six or seven can receive college credit.

"Each department decides what score is worth what credit," Sackrider said. "The policies created by the department are the same for the whole school."

A five, six or seven IB score in biology will count at K-State as an automatic A grade in Principles of Biology, a four-credit-hour course. Success in AP and IB courses will lower the amount of college classes a student may need to take once arriving at K-State.

"We do not charge for accepting AP and IB courses, and you do not pay to receive class credit from AP or IB, so I guess it could be used as a way to save money," Sackrider said.

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Carlos Juan Silva, of Man-hattan, was booked for assault and criminal threat. Bond was set at \$3,000.

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Brandon James Crubel, of the 1900 block of Hunting Avenue, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$500.

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Annuities safe choice for college students

Fixed, index, variable accounts provide diverse investment options

Audrey Holderness
contributing writer

Editor's Note: This article was completed as an assignment for a class in the A.Q. Miller School of Journalism and Mass Communications.

College students in today's world are facing more and more financial responsibility and pressure to meet monetary obligations. Although getting an education can be a vital pathway to long-term financial success, there is a price to pay for a seat in the classroom.

There are strategies, however, that students can use to carefully plan cash flows.

Annuities, a type of savings and investment account that uses regular deposits and collects compounding interest, are an example of one strategy that can help create stability and growth.

Generally, after one base deposit is made into an annuity, the money gathers interest, and then withdrawals are made.

"Typically annuities are generally thought of as retirement instruments," said Eric Higgins, head of the department of finance. "You have to have the money to buy them."

According to the Securities Exchange Commission website there are three types of annuities: fixed, indexed and variable. When investors start a fixed annuity, the insurance company agrees to pay a specific interest rate during the growth period. A system for periodic payments is set up at this time as well.

An indexed annuity is more variable and is based on the return of investment; however they have a contracted minimum rate, so you still get safe growth.

With a variable annuity there is a choice for how to invest the money that is deposited for the annuity.

According to Chad Tepe, financial consultant for Commerce Brokerage Services in Manhattan, variable annuities usually include mutual funds, a more diverse investment account.

Annuities can also be deferred or immediate, which refers to how they are paid out. Immediate annuities start payments directly after establishing the annuity, while deferred payments begin at a future time set by the investor and the insurer.

"Annuities are purchasing a

stream of future payments," Higgins said. "The purchase price reflects the future payments."

According to Josh Runyan, insurance agent at Copeland Insurance Agency in Manhattan, setting up an annuity is very simple.

"Most, if not all insurance agents have access to annuities, as well as anyone who is in the financial business," Runyan said. "Buying an annuity involves the initial investment, signing paperwork and deciding on how often you want to contribute."

Runyan said annuities offer a guaranteed minimum lifelong income that cannot be outlived, which is why it is ideal for people going into retirement. He also said tax-deferred growth is another great advantage.

"I have clients that take money that they inherit and want either a long- or short-term way to invest their money that is 100 percent safe," Runyan said. "Annuities allow for safe long- or short-term investing."

Runyan said the guaranteed interest rates that annuities offer can make investing in them a good option for those looking for returns.

"I have seen the interest percentage that is guaranteed drop from 3 percent to 1 percent in the last two years," Runyan said. "The percentage can fluctuate but having a guaranteed percentage means that it will never go below that percent but it can get higher."

There are downsides, however, to annuities as well, said Runyan. Starting an annuity can involve administrative fees and also early withdrawal fees.

"Annuities grow tax deferred until you take the money out," Tepe said. "Annuities are not FDIC insured so the strength of the insurance company is important," Tepe said.

Runyan also said that the best annuity for college students would be a non-qualified annuity. This type of account has a 10 percent surrender charge, which means that if the account holder can access the investment after 10 years without penalty.

For some annuities, the more money that is put into them, the higher the interest rate that is possible.

"I would only suggest annuities to college students if they have the money to put away," Runyan said. "If you are in your 20s and in college, your life is changing in so many ways and your money is tight. You can get married, plan a week vacation over night, burn the deck down on your apartment and, yes, have a kid all while in college. Know why you want to invest and go from there."

Fiscal responsibility vital to long-term success, stability

Experts say cutting unnecessary expenditures step in right direction

Andy Rao
news editor

With the country still recovering from the economic recession, students and professionals everywhere are facing financial challenges. Students, many of whom have taken on gargantuan debts in pursuit of a college degree, often have to juggle other expenses such as rent, books, supplies and a variety of other expenses.

"Even if students have had an issue with debt in the past, they shouldn't let their mistakes completely control their future decisions. The important thing is to be aware of the cost of every decision you make. Taking on too much debt reduces your ability to consume, which can affect your ability to buy every day items."

Dan Kuester
director of undergraduate studies in economics

Trying to manage these financial obligations can be overwhelming, but according to Scott Hendrix, professor of finance, it is of utmost importance that students remain fiscally responsible in order to create the most favorable situations for themselves in the future.

"Fiscal responsibility is basically taking the actions that are going to maximize the long-term benefit for the most possible people involved," Hendrix said.

Hendrix said that although a student budget can be tight, there are still ways for students to live a relatively comfortable lifestyle while making smart financial decisions.

"The main thing is to have balance in your finances," he said. "Taking on a debt such as student loans can be considered an investment in yourself and therefore is a responsible, reasonable debt because it will pay off in the future. Students just need to be constantly aware of the ways to have affordable fun and enjoy college without exceeding their capacity to fund those activities."

Connor Navrude, sophomore in finance, said that setting aside money is a matter of students setting the right priorities for their future financial success.

"I think it's important to think about what you want to save before you think about what you want to spend your money on," Navrude said. "Make sure

you cut out unnecessary spending and save or invest that money instead."

Navrude said that he believes that being fiscally responsible is easier than most people may think.

"I think that students can do a lot of little things to cut unnecessary spending," he said. "Just one example I can think of is dining out. It is so much cheaper if you buy that same food at a grocery store. You can get an entire loaf of bread and a jar of peanut butter for like seven bucks, when you're going to spending that much for a single meal at a restaurant."

According to Hendrix, people who spend excessively and make purchases that they can't pay for end up in spiraling debt that can be extremely dangerous.

"Debt is a bad thing when it's used for irresponsible purposes. For example, spending money on short-term benefits, especially when it's used way in excess of the ability to pay it off."

Students who have had issues with debt should be careful when racking up credit card charges, said Dan Kuester, director of undergraduate studies in economics. Kuester also said that those students should not be discouraged, and said that it is possible to recover from situations.

"Even if students have had an issue with debt in the past, they shouldn't let their mistakes completely control their future decisions," Kuester said. "The important thing is to be aware of the cost of every decision you make. Taking on too much debt reduces your ability to consume, which can affect your ability to buy everyday items."

Chris Cook, sophomore in finance, said that he has a regular savings plan and keeps track of his expenses in order to monitor his financial situation.

"I think it's especially important that we keep track of what we spend our money on," Cook said. "I use a small notebook to keep track of my expenses so that I know where I spent money and how much I spent."

Cook said it's smart for students to have an allotted amount of money set aside every month to save, and said it creates a consistent cash flow that can be used for future use.

"At the beginning of the month, I put a part of the money that I have into my savings account so that I'm not tempted to touch it," he said.

According to Hendrix, there are several strategies that students can use to plan for the future. He said it is important for students to keep an eye on the future, and not let other expenditures prevent them from saving.

"Pay yourself first," Hendrix said. "When you get a paycheck you're going to have various obligations to others such as rent, food, etc., but make sure that you include your obligation to yourself. Set aside money for yourself to create long term financial stability."

For more information and tips to stay fiscally responsible, visit k-state.edu/economics/econclub/IncompleatGuidetoPersonalFinance.pdf.

Follow-up to column on foreign students

I never intended to offend anybody with my opinion or my writing, and I regret that I did. I have met with Obair Siddiqui, the president of the International Coordinating Council, and Nate Spriggs, the student body president, in order to find ways to rebuild my relationship with the international community here on campus.

I would like to clarify some of the points I made in my column that was published on Friday, Feb. 24. First off, I have never held any sort of ill will toward any student on campus solely because of their race, color, religion, sexuality, nationality or any other classification.

In my column, the arguments I made were extremely unclear, and that is due to the sloppiness of my writing. Particularly, I wish I had not used the word "enemy." I recognize it is wrong to associate foreign governments directly with their citizens, including those here on campus.

The goal of my column was to be a political commentary on how I disagreed with some nations' governments for various reasons and how tax dollars are spent. However, after seeing the response on campus and rereading my column, I realize the language I used in the article insinuated that I believed that the students themselves were enemies. I adamantly do not believe that and I apologize for the words in my column that implied that.

Secondly, the financial numbers I used were also inaccurate and deceiving to the reader. After further research, including information from Marcelo Sabatés in his letter, I realize that international students pay upwards of 2 1/2 more times in tuition than in-state students here at K-State. Sabatés also said to my adviser that if all the international students left tomorrow, due to the financial impact they have on campus, the school would be in significant trouble.

I am a firm believer in globalization and internationalization of universities. My resident adviser at Haymaker Hall last year was a Chinese student, who did a fantastic job by playing an integral role in helping me adjust to the real world. And she is just one example of how international students on this campus play important roles in making K-State such a wonderful place.

Sincerely,

Sean Frye
staff writer

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shorter than me and I'm short, I'm 5-1. The men were probably 4-9. We had to give them medicine to treat the worms, and ultimately save their lives."

Just last month, Turpin made her most recent trip to Yakunay, Ecuador, to design a new water system and install water filters, among other waste reduction efforts. Turpin described her trip to Ecuador as the most surprising of the projects she has participated in.

"This was different than any other experience," she said. "They threw a huge welcoming party for us, and then a huge celebration at the end of our trip, saying, 'I appreciate you so much for coming, thank you.' They gave all 25 volunteers a block of cheese worth \$5, more than they would typically make in a week. It blew me away."

Turpin said in all three countries, community togetherness was one of the most important components. She described her experiences as "becoming part of their family." Upon her return to the U.S., she said she raised a lot of questions about the way American society functions.

"I think the biggest thing is the simpler the better," she said. "Having a simple life and simple solutions. Like when we went to Guatemala and made those filters, there were no pumps involved, no electricity, it was just two buckets and a filter. Of course, that's not how we live here, but that doesn't mean it's not as effective."

LaVerne Bitsie-Baldwin, director for the Multicultural Engineering Program, described Turpin as very innovative and tenacious.

"She'll stick with an idea, really develop it and not give up on it," Bitsie-Baldwin said. "I think that's what has made her successful in Engineers Without Borders ... Just anything that she's passionate about, she'll put the energy behind it to make it happen."

Bitsie-Baldwin said that the source to Turpin's success is her ability to change her own actions before attempting to help others.

"I think it's all about her focus," Bitsie-Baldwin said. "She is focused on sustainability, making sure that as an individual first, her carbon footprint is low. Then she notices when other people don't do things the way they could to be sustainable and, if she can, she intervenes and helps people to change their perspective."

Turpin said her K-State engineering experience has been a tremendously pleasant surprise. She said when she came to K-State, she never expected so many opportunities and support.

"Never in my life did I think I would travel to three different countries in college," she said. "Not only that, but to have such support from my university is amazing."

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a story in which individual personalities were deliberately evident, despite functioning as a cohesive unit. These characters were so convincing that the audience became invested in their stories and audibly reacted in moments of sympathy or humor.

"The audience was really responsive," said Mike Hall, member of STOMP since August. "Manhattan is very lively."

The performers were not the only ones who provided beats throughout the evening, as the stompers continued to engage the audience throughout the night, testing the collective rhythm and clapping skills of those who participated.

After the show, some audience members were pleasantly surprised by the performance.

"Honestly I wasn't really expecting much," said Ellen Hofeling, junior in family studies. "I had seen them on the Today Show and other places, and was like, 'OK.' But then I hear them tonight and I was so impressed. It was incredible."

STOMP is in Manhattan performing a two-night set, the second of which is tonight at 7:30 p.m. in McCain Auditorium. Anyone interested in attending the second show can purchase a ticket at the McCain box office.



Lisle Alderton | Collegian

The musical touring show of STOMP performed for a packed audience on Tuesday, the first day of the group's two-day Manhattan engagement, in McCain Auditorium.

CITY COMMISSION

Overcrowding ordinance passes by narrow margin

Jakki Thompson
assistant news editor

The second reading of ordinance 6939 regarding increased enforcement of overcrowding in local businesses was approved by a 3-2 vote at the Manhattan City Commission meeting on Tuesday night.

"It was incredibly rude and inconsiderate of the commission to pass this legislation," said Rusty Wilson, Kite's Grille and Bar owner. "All of the focus of this ordinance is on Aggieville even though it affects all of Manhattan."

Rob Goode, owner of Aggieville restaurants Taco Lucha and So Long Saloon, brought up that since this is a class A ordinance every business in Manhattan will be affected.

This includes concert halls,

motion picture theaters, amusement arcades, bowling allies, stadiums, places of worship, courtrooms, funeral parlors, lecture halls and waiting areas for transportation. Goode said there needs to be equal enforcement and emphasis on those other places within the city limits.

"The Aggieville business district is slower than it has been in a while," said Ryan Bramhall, owner of Tubby's Sports Bar and Fat's Bar and Grill. "I remember when I was 21, you couldn't even get into the bars because so many people were there already."

Jim Sherow, mayor, said that he participated in a ride along with police officers through Aggieville one weekend and said he has seen many bars on the edge of possible overcrowding.

"If we looked like we were on the edge, then that means we are controlling the amount of people in the establishments he was talking about," Wilson said. "Not once has the safety aspect of overcrowding come up in these discussions, that were brought back up this year. None of the bar owners want people injured or people hurt or people killed."

The two commissioners who voted against this ordinance were John Matta and Loren Pepper. Both had originally voted no after the first reading of this ordinance as well.

Pepper said he has seen the Aggieville Business Association make leaps and bounds toward solving the overcrowding issues the businesses are faced with. Matta said the police

officers do not know how to prosecute correctly because this is not in their training, but is in the training of fire department officials.

"I can't stand it when politicians make decisions like this about the complexity of our lives as business owners, when they don't even know what it is like," Wilson said.

Wilson, Bramhall, Goode and Pete Anderson, owner of Rusty's Last Chance Saloon, said that other businesses in Manhattan do not care about this ordinance because the discussion has only been around Aggieville so far.

We want people to be able to walk around in bars and feel comfortable with where they are," said Anderson. "We care about our customers, their safety and our businesses."

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Wildcats bounce back from home loss, beat Texas A&M

K-State defeats the Aggies for the final time in College Station, Texas

Jared Brown
staff writer

The K-State men's basketball team bounced back from the home loss this past Saturday with a 76-70 win against Texas A&M in College Station on Monday on the Aggies' Senior Night.

Junior guard Rodney McGruder led the way for the Wildcats' offensive attack as he scored 26 points while grabbing three rebounds in 40 minutes played.

"To see the rim and to see it go in, it helps anybody," said McGruder after his shooting performance Tuesday night. "If you see your first two shots go in it gives anybody confidence."

The first half featured a game of runs as K-State (20-9, 9-8 Big 12 Conference) jumped out to a quick 11-4 lead. The Aggies battled back and used an 11-0 run to take an 18-11 lead on the Wildcats.

K-State took the punch from Texas A&M (13-16, 4-13 Big 12) and threw a counterpunch of their own as the Wildcats utilized a 13-1 run to retake the lead.

McGruder fired away from beyond the 3-point line and finished the half 4-of-4 from behind the arc. K-State used McGruder's 19 points in the first half to take a 44-33 lead into halftime. The Wildcats were 8-of-9 overall from 3-point range in the first half.

The second half featured a bar-

rage of 3-pointers from Texas A&M junior guard Elston Turner as he brought the Aggies back into the game and finished with 22 points after shooting 8-of-9 from the field.

McGruder was held in check for most of the second half, but the Wildcats were carried mostly on the back of senior forward Jamar Samuels. After Texas A&M closed the lead on the Wildcats, Samuels scored nine straight points for K-State to keep the Aggies at arm's length. Samuels finished the game with 17 points and 11 rebounds.

"Coach called the play and I was ready. In my mind I knew that if I had any space I was going to shoot the ball and I was just prepared and fortunate enough to make it."

Rodney McGruder
junior guard

"He's been great all year," K-State head coach Frank Martin said of Samuels after the game. "You can't play good at the end of the year if you've been bad all year. It just doesn't work that way. He's been great all year. He's worked so hard all year to put himself in the moment. Jamar made some big-time shots as the game was coming to keep that lead. He's been good all year. I'm real proud of him."

McGruder provided the dagger as he knocked down his fifth

3-pointer of the game to seal the victory for the Wildcats. McGruder finished his night shooting 6-of-12 from the field including 5-of-7 from 3-point land.

"Coach called the play and I was ready," said McGruder of his 3-pointer that sealed the Wildcats' victory. "In my mind I knew if I had any space I was going to shoot the ball and I was just prepared and fortunate enough to make it."

For the game, K-State shot 48 percent from the floor, was 12-of-17 from 3-point range and 18-of-22 from the free-throw line.

The victory gave K-State 20 wins for the sixth straight season and 25th time in school history.

Tuesday night's win also ensured that the Wildcats will finish above .500 for the second time in 24 years in conference play.

"How crazy is that?" said Martin on his team's ability to bounce back from losses in Big 12 play. "This year we can't win at home, but with a young team and with a team that's had its difficult moments and we could very easily have won seven road games in Big 12 play. We're right there. Losing at home is something that I don't like. We have one more opportunity at home to get that taste out of our mouth."

The Wildcats will look to wash that taste out of their mouths Saturday afternoon when they take on Oklahoma State at home in what is sure to be an emotional day for the likes of Jamar Samuels and Victor Ojeleye as the two seniors will play in their final game in Bramlage Coliseum. Tipoff is scheduled for 12:30 p.m.



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Senior forward, **Victor Ojeleye** takes a shot over Iowa State's **Royce White**, during their game on Feb. 25 in Bramlage Coliseum.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

K-State prepares to face Cyclones on the road

Madison Debes
contributing writer

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The K-State women's basketball team will complete its Big 12 Conference road schedule tonight as they take on the Iowa State Cyclones in Ames, Iowa, at 7 p.m. The fourth ranked Wildcats (18-10, 9-7 Big 12) are up for a battle against the fifth ranked Cyclones (17-10, 8-8 Big 12), with K-State leading by only one game.

As the Wildcats recover from a 61-56 overtime loss to Missouri on Saturday, they will be fighting for a win on the road in Big 12 action.

Senior forward Jalana Childs said that she considers Iowa State a rival, but that the team is staying together and being positive for each other.

"This team is definitely going to challenge us," Childs said. "They have always challenged us. We really have to play our team concepts and be for each other on defense."

The last time K-State took on Iowa State, the Cyclones defeated the Wildcats thanks to a strong game from junior forward Chelsea Poppens, as she posted 23 points.

Wildcat head coach Deb Patterson said Poppens is, "one of the most aggressive duck-in-post players. She has 15 points per [game] in league, a tremendous work ethic, boards the ball,

gets a lot of opportunities at the line."

While Childs and senior forward Branshea Brown led K-State during their last game against the Cyclones, they were unable to keep up with Poppens' performance.

Going into this game senior guard Tasha Dickey said that the Wildcats will be focusing more on team defense versus individual.

"Iowa State manages to have both an inside and outside game," Dickey said. "So we have got a lot of work for the guards and the posts. As long as we play team defense we should be able to help each other out."

Although the Cyclones contain a strong defense and a home court advantage, the Wildcats have a chance to prove themselves.

As the conference season nears the finish, teams have the advantage of knowing how their opponent performs, along with their strengths and weaknesses and take every chance they have to build on that knowledge.

In the last game, junior guard Brittany Chambers scored just six points against the Cyclones because of their tight defense on her, allowing her to shoot just three-of-five from the field.

While K-State will hit the court tonight with determination and intensity as they look to win in the Cyclone's Hilton Coliseum, coach Patterson realizes playing on Iowa State's home court will not be easy.

"I think unquestionably it's the toughest venue," Patterson said. "Statistically that bears



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Mariah White, junior guard, heads down the court in Bramlage Coliseum during the Feb. 22 game against Oklahoma State.

itself out whether you're looking at foul shots you get, the foul shots they get, the crowd, the win-loss number in nonconference, win-loss number in conference. You can evaluate those

five things without question, that's the toughest place in our league to play. It's a matchup that is definitely going to be one that the Big 12 is all about. You've got to be ready to compete."

Two-minute drill

Corbin McGuire
staff writer

NFL

With the NFL draft edging closer, teams are beginning to think seriously about their draft strategies.

Most recently the St. Louis Rams' chief operating officer, Kevin Demoff, said Tuesday that the team would consider making a deal to trade their second overall pick in the draft if the right deal came along.

On Monday, however, league sources informed ESPN NFL insider Adam Schefter that the Rams have already committed on trading the pick and have talked to multiple teams about swapping picks.

According to the sources, the Rams have discussed a trade with the Cleveland Browns, No. 4, Washington Redskins, No. 6, and Miami Dolphins, No. 8.

Sources also said the Rams are looking for a deal like the San Diego Chargers received for the rights to 2004 top overall pick, Eli Manning.

Manning, who was selected by the Chargers No. 1 overall in 2004, was traded to the New York Giants for two first-round picks, a third-round pick and a fifth-round pick.

MLB

Jason Varitek, catcher of the Boston Red Sox during their last two World Series titles, is expected to announce his retirement from baseball on Thursday in Fort Myers, Fla., a major league source confirmed Monday.

Varitek, the longest tenured member of the Red Sox, has been extended an offer for a position within the organization, the source said.

Varitek has been with the Red Sox since he was traded from Seattle in 1997 and has caught a club record 1,488 games for the Red Sox. The nearly 40-year-old was offered a minor league contract and an invite to big league camp by the Red Sox but has yet to show up at the team's training facility.

Varitek, a free agent, has not received any offers other than from the Red Sox.

NBA

The City of Sacramento, the Sacramento Kings and the NBA announced a tentative deal Monday to pay for a new arena that would keep the team in the state's capital for a long while. The City Council will vote on the plan March 6.

Under the tentative deal, the city will put forward \$200-\$250 million toward the estimated \$387 million arena and the Maloof family, who own the Kings, have agreed to ante up \$75 million in upfront cash.

March sports calendar

<div>🏇 Friday</div> <div>Women's equestrian at Texas A&M Men's baseball vs. Pacific, Tointon Family Stadium, 3 p.m. Track and field at Alex Wilson Last Chance Invitational, South Bend, Ind.</div>	<div>🏇 Saturday</div> <div>Men's baseball vs. Pacific, Tointon Family Stadium, 2 p.m. Men's basketball vs. Oklahoma State, Bramlage Coliseum, 12:30 p.m., Senior Day, Big 12 Network Women's basketball vs. Texas Tech, Bramlage Coliseum, 6 p.m. Senior Day, Kansas Now 22 Women's equestrian at Baylor, Waco, Texas Track and Field at Alex Wilson Last Chance Invitational, South Bend, Ind.</div>	<div>🏇 Sunday</div> <div>Men's baseball vs. Pacific, Tointon Family Stadium, 12 p.m.</div>	<div>🏇 Monday</div> <div>Men's golf at Fresno State Classic, Fresno, Calif. Women's golf at Hurricane Invitational, Miami, Fla.</div>	<div>🏇 Tuesday</div> <div>Men's baseball vs. Nebraska, Lincoln, Neb., 2:05 p.m. Men's golf at Fresno State Classic, Fresno, Calif. Women's golf at Hurricane Invitational, Miami, Fla.</div>
<div>🏇 Wednesday</div> <div>Men's basketball, Phillips 66 Big 12 Championship, Sprint Center, Kansas City, Mo., TBD Women's basketball, Phillips 66 Big 12 Championship, Sprint Center, Kansas City, Mo., TBD</div>	<div>🏇 Friday</div> <div>Women's tennis vs. Oklahoma State, Manhattan, 1 p.m. Men's baseball vs. Hartford, Tointon Family Stadium, 3 p.m. Track and field NCAA Indoor Championships, Boise, Idaho</div>	<div>🏇 Saturday</div> <div>Men's baseball vs. Hartford, Tointon Family Stadium, 12 p.m. Men's baseball vs. Hartford, Tointon Family Stadium, TBD Track and field, NCAA Indoor Championships, Boise, Idaho</div>	<div>🏇 Sunday</div> <div>Women's tennis vs. Oklahoma, Manhattan, 12 p.m. Men's baseball vs. Hartford, Tointon Family Stadium, 1 p.m.</div>	<div>🏇 Tuesday</div> <div>Men's baseball at Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn., 6:35 p.m.</div>
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Jacob Castanon
staff writer

Students get to class using a variety of transportation methods. Many choose to walk on campus or take their cars while others ride bicycles to their desti-

nation. An increasing trend among a number of students here at K-State, and college students across the nation, is using a longboard as a form of transportation on campus.

Though both are boards, a longboard is not a skateboard - the difference between a longboard and a skateboard is in the design. Longboards are designed to be fast and used as a smooth form of transportation; meanwhile, a skateboard's objective is not only speed, but also using that momentum to maneuver the board into performing impressive aerial tricks.

Skateboards can go as fast as a longboard, but they have a 'nose' and a 'tail' that can enable the skater to elevate the board into the air over curbs, stairs, rails and any other obstacle presented to them in the streets.

Alex Eaton, freshman in open option, was an avid snowboarder and skateboarder before he bought his first longboard online for \$180.

Corbin Moore, freshman, leads Kelsey Hel-land, sophomore, down a parking lot on campus.

Naturally, the transition for him was easy.

"I'm a boarder," Eaton said, "It's just fun."

When asked whether he preferred a longboard or a skateboard Eaton said he preferred the longboard because the bearings and wheels are better.

Kyle McLean, sophomore in food science, also skateboarded and snowboarded prior to buying a longboard.

"Longboards are easier and more convenient" said McLean.

The longboard is not as wide as a skateboard and its shape allows the slim piece of wood to obtain a great deal of velocity. Long boards also have bigger wheels and, like a monster truck, the big wheels can pulverize any puny gravel in the road so the rider doesn't get launched off their board.

Riders can usually push their longboards or ride down hills to gain momentum. To get a feel for the board, one needs balance and a rider can put one foot down to slow their speed if needed. It doesn't take much effort to achieve a fast, but manageable cruising speed while riding a longboard to class.

"You can coast for a while with only three or four good pushes," said Eaton. "Walking to class would probably take about triple the amount of time."

Blake Peterson, freshman in business management, doesn't mind the distance between classes and prefers to walk on campus.

"Walking to my farther classes probably take about 15 minutes," said Peterson.

Instead of a 15-minute walk, one could arrive in five minutes with a longboard. Peterson doesn't mind walking on campus and claims he is "not coordinated enough for a longboard" and would prefer a bicycle as an alternative mode of transportation.

But bicycles are not as portable as a longboard or skateboard would be. Because students can stick their longboards in their backpacks or bring it into their class, there's no worry about having to lock it up outside.

"I usually set mine next to me or lean in up against the wall of the classroom," Eaton said.

Within seconds of being dismissed from class, students can just jump on their longboards and go on with

their day without trying to remember the combination to their bike locks or wrestling with their chain.

K-State also has a longboarding club that's free for anyone to join. Students have even set up a facebook page for the group that allows boarders to meet up at anytime to skate on campus.

Students at California's Biola University, however, are not able to participate in this activity.

A Dec. 23, 2011, USA Today article by Dan Reimold says that according to "The Chimes," the student newspaper of Biola University, longboarding is banned on the campus because "a rider could get hurt or a board might hit someone else nearby."

While not as stringent on longboards as other campuses, there are some important regulations and safety standards enforced by K-State. Section 130 of Article 15 in Manhattan's pedestrian and bicycle law states that "no person riding upon a bicycle, coaster, roller skates, sled or toy vehicle shall attach themselves to any vehicle upon a roadway."

Grabbing on to the back

of a car is a trick that is not tolerated at K-State. It is probably best to perform that trick on the couch when playing the "Tony Hawk's Underground" video game and, for the skater's safety, not on campus.

Like any mode of transportation, the impetus of the device can cause some not-so-gnarly collisions. McLean describes an incident where he crashed on campus.

"I was going about 15 miles per hour," McLeans says, "Down a steep hill when my board slipped from under me. I scraped up my elbow and hurt my shoulder, but I was OK."

McLean says he doesn't usually wear a helmet when he's just going to class. However, when he decides to slide his board (a popular trick) or gain speed down hills, he usually makes sure to sport the safety cap.

Though longboards provide a stealthy alternative to bicycles, safety precautions should still be applied. As long as riders are smart, safe, don't tailgate on the back of cars and ride on the sidewalks, there should be no problem with this prominent form of transportation on campus.

Pakistani student opens up

Anton Trafimovich
staff writer

Hundreds of international students from all over the world are coming to K-State each semester. For many of them it's their first experience of living abroad. With this new experience and exposure to new views, many return to their home countries with new outlooks on the world around them.

Hira Munaf Menon, junior in electrical engineering, was one of the exchange students from Pakistan last semester. A member of The Global Undergraduate Exchange Program for Pakistan, she spent last semester studying at K-State and went back to Pakistan in December 2011. After she embraced her native culture again, she was able to compare the differences between American and Pakistani cultures.

"I had to go out of country to explore myself and discover the whole new world," Menon said in an email interview from Pakistan.

For Menon, it wasn't a surprise to speak English an entire day when she came to the U.S. last August, as English, as well as Urdu, is an official language in Pakistan. Pakistan's national language of Urdu is a mixture of Arabic, Sanskrit and Turkish. There are seven major regional languages and around 50 ethnic groups' languages spoken in the country. To be able to communicate within a multilingual country, most of Pakistan uses Urdu.

At the same time, as English is an official language, it's expected to be spoken in all government establishments, at universities and in business. With some English spoken at other public services, it's not likely for foreigners to find a language barrier in Pakistan.

Before the 1940s, Pakistan was part of India until politicians divided it based on religious principles. Most Muslims from India, including Menon's grandmother, moved to the northwestern part of the country, which became independent Pakistan in 1947. That's why many traditions in Pakistan and India closely resemble one another.

India is also infamous for its remaining caste system. Pakistan, however, has almost gotten rid of this social heritage system. Although the caste division still takes place in the country, it's not as important as it used to be several decades ago, Menon said.

"You can have friends from any caste and marry whomever," Menon said.

But what Pakistan still has is class separation. People label each other according to their parents' social status. It is a matter

of interest who a person's parents are and from which school he or she graduated. It's an unwritten classification of the people within their society.

"No one asks you, but everyone knows," Menon said.

In Pakistan, children stay very close with their parents for their entire life; with this, Pakistani social life revolves around family. Regular weekends, for instance, are supposed to be spent being surrounded by relatives. Young people however, like anywhere else, hang out with their friends or cousins.

"Families can just eat out together, go to the beach or meet another family and make a picnic," Menon said.

The number of close relatives in Pakistan can look huge for westerners. Menon said she has around 40 cousins from both her father's and mother's side. In modern Pakistan, most of families have "just" three or four kids, but still they have a joint family system that includes grandparents, uncles and aunts and dozens of cousins. However, this system is undergoing a drastic change under the influence of western media and education.

What's really interesting is that, according to tradition, a son should stay in his parents' house to support them. Two of Menon's uncles still live with their parents and each of them has a family. It makes almost 20 people under one roof.

"We have houses of the same size as Americans have. But our houses are full of people," Menon said.

While Menon appreciates family values, she started to value individuality more. She found it very important to be respected by others, regarding their race, religion or belief. After living in the U.S., Menon considers Pakistani society to be more tolerant if it follows the Islamic principles of peace and equality.

Another aspect Menon got to experience in the U.S. is the idea of having one's life be private. Although Pakistan is facing changes due to globalization, the country still has deep-rooted traditions that leave one's life more open for discussion. It's hard to keep your own space, Menon said, as everyone pries into your private life.

As studying here at K-State is Menon's first experience living abroad for an extended amount of time, it has left her more self-assured and given her a new interest in extracurricular activities.

"The memorable time I had there has made me more confident that a positive change can be brought in the world through peace, love and education," she said. "The exchange program has really helped me to see how we all are different yet the same."

Cooking in college a possibility for all

Pioneer Woman's Chicken Tortilla Soup

Recipe review by Lauren Gocken

As the daughter of a five-star chef, I've grown up eating and making great food. I've been cooking since I was about five years old, and I wanted to be a chef for the better part of middle and high school. But as I started looking at culinary schools, my dad cautioned me against a career in food.

So now, instead of cooking for a career, I use my knowledge of all things food to improve the way I, and those close to me, eat. However, I don't necessarily mean healthier food (although that's always a plus), just tastier, less-processed and homemade food. I eat very well for a college student in that I have never eaten ramen, Hamburger Helper or Rice-A-Roni — and that's not as hard as you might think. Through this column, I want to show you that eating better doesn't have to be difficult, expensive or time intensive.

I'll choose each week's recipes based on a few different criteria fit for busy college students: the ease of preparation, the availability of the ingredients, the expense of the ingredients and the amount produced by one recipe. Then I'll rate the recipes on ease of preparation, taste and leftover potential. With that, let's get on to this week's recipe.

This week's recipe is chicken tortilla soup from the Pioneer Woman aka Ree Drummond. I'll admit up front, I love Pioneer Woman. Her recipes are always easy to follow, the ingredients are basic and the food always tastes like grandma, or mom, or the best cook you know, made

it. Her chicken tortilla soup is no different.

Ease of preparation: ★★★★★

There aren't any technical or delicate steps to make the soup. Since everything is going in the soup pot the cuts and sizes don't have to be perfect. Once you chop everything and get all the cans opened, you pour everything in the pot and let it simmer. To add one extra step, I pureed all the sautéed vegetables, spices, Rotel, tomato paste and chicken stock to make the stock a little more opaque and homogenous.

Taste: ★★★★★

This is the best chicken tortilla soup I've ever had. It has a lot of vegetables and natural ingredients that give it a very healthy, homemade taste. Black beans, chicken and tomato go really well together. Along with thin strips of corn tortillas, I also broiled thick slices of tortilla and threw them on top, and that added a nice crunch.

One thing to watch for with the veggies is price. I didn't get yellow or red bell peppers because everywhere I found them they were at least double the cost of the green bell peppers.

With all the tomato, the lack of these peppers doesn't make a huge difference in color. Because I'm not a huge fan of bell peppers, I actually subbed two diced jalapeños, seeds and rinds in because I like the taste and the heat.

Leftover potential: ★★★★★

The recipe calls for a cornmeal and water thickener to be added near the end of cooking which is something I'd never heard of doing, and I was a little skeptical but I did it anyway. The result was a fuller, heartier soup that didn't really leave any sort of corny flavor. I've also made it without the cornmeal, and though it was still very good, the absence of the cornmeal was definitely noted.

The reason I included this under leftovers is that the non-cornmeal version reheated 10 times better. The cornmeal mixture acts as a thickener and when it sets overnight it gets a little thicker, so when it's reheated it's kind of gloopy. But this is only a problem if you're wanting leftovers (which I do). This recipe made enough for a full dinner plus several full lunches.

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Chicken Tortilla Soup			
Ingredients:			
2	whole boneless, skinless chicken breasts	3	tablespoons tomato paste
1	tablespoon olive oil	4	cups hot water
1-1/2	teaspoon cumin	2	cans (15-ounce can) black beans, drained
1	teaspoon chili powder	3	tablespoons cornmeal or masa
1/2	teaspoon garlic powder	5	whole corn tortillas, cut into uniform strips around two to three inches
1/2	teaspoon salt		
1	tablespoon olive oil		
1	cup diced onion		
1/4	cup diced green bell pepper		
1/4	cup red bell pepper		
3	cloves garlic, minced		
1	can (10-ounce can) of Rotel tomatoes and green chilies		
32	ounces, fluid low sodium chicken stock		
FOR THE GARNISHES:			
			sour cream
			diced avocado
			diced red onion
			salsa or pico de gallo
			grated monterey jack cheese
			cilantro

Recipe courtesy of thepioneerwoman.com. Visit the website for more information.

A bowl of chicken tortilla soup with shredded cheese and broiled corn tortilla strips is a delicious, filling meal by itself, but it would also be good served along with Mexican rice or crispy flautas.

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